

## **JOINT MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF UTILITIES COMMITTEE AND HEALTH DIRECTORS**

The Directors of Utilities Committee and the Health Directors met on May 4, 2016. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- Mr. Curt Thomas, Program Coordinator for the DEQ Office of Water Supply, briefed the group on the [private water well registration regulation](#) and the new online well registration tool developed by DEQ, VDH, and the well drilling community for use by licensed well drillers. Mr. Thomas described the significant stakeholder involvement in the development of the web application and how the tool is serving as a resource to DEQ, VDH, and well drillers.
- Mr. Scott Kudlas, Director of the DEQ Office of Water Supply, provided an update on the workgroup activities and forthcoming white papers for the [Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee](#) (EVGMAC) and the subsidence and salt water interface modules in the Coastal Plain groundwater model. Mr. Kudlas also discussed the process and requirements for the five-year update of the regional water supply plan.
- Mr. John Aulbach, Director, VDH Office of Drinking Water (ODW), provided an update on regulatory issues, including the pending incorporation of the federal Revised Total Coliform Rule into the Virginia Waterworks Regulations and the VDH and [EPA efforts](#) to address critical drinking water challenges and strengthen protections against lead in drinking water.
- With regard to microbial source tracking efforts, VDH staff is invited to present the results of the VIMS predictive modeling study at the November 2, 2016 Joint Meeting of the Directors of Utilities Committee and Health Directors. HRSD will also be invited to brief the group on source tracking projects in the Nansemond River (Suffolk), Elizabeth River (Chesapeake), and at Hilton Beach (Newport News).
- The Directors of Utilities Committee discussed the draft 2016 Memorandum of Agreement for the Regional Groundwater Mitigation Program and the program history. The previous MOA, executed in 2010, will be distributed for reference. The HRPDC staff will collect comments on the draft 2016 MOA through May 23, 2016 for incorporation into a revised draft.

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The Directors of Utilities Committee met on June 1, 2016. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- The HRPDC staff briefed the Committee on the FY17 goals identified by the Water Awareness subcommittee and the FOG subcommittee for the askHRgreen.org program.
- The HRPDC staff summarized the Help to Others – H2O – Program fundraising results from the May 3, 2016 Give Local 757 event. The Committee discussed the renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for administration and management of the H2O program.
- The Committee held a roundtable discussion on the organizational structures of water and wastewater operational divisions to talk about the advantages and challenges associated with different structures.
- The Committee discussed the criteria for reporting a release through the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Reporting System.
- The Committee discussed recent and upcoming meetings of the Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (EVGMAC) and Workgroups.
- The Committee discussed participation in the Mission H2O Virginia’s FY17 work plan for the Groundwater Subgroup.
- The Committee discussed the draft MOA for the Regional Groundwater Mitigation Program and the timeframe for next steps.

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

The Regional Environmental Committee met on May 5, 2016. The following items were discussed.

- Mr. Kevin McLean, Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Districts, briefed the Committee on the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program, an urban cost-share program for homeowners installing stormwater best management practices.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program's Working Waterfronts Plan and strategy.
- Mr. McFarlane updated the Committee on matters related to the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.
- Ms. Julia Hillegass, HRPDC, updated the Committee on the status of the askHRGreen.org program.
- Ms. Jai McBride, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the discussions from the Planning Directors meeting that was held on April 28, 2016.
- Mr. Randy Keaton, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on the discussions from the HRPDC annual retreat held on April 21, 2016.
- Several Committee members and guests provided status reports.

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

The Regional Environmental Committee met on June 2, 2016. The following items were discussed.

- Ms. Michelle Hamor, Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, briefed the Committee on a proposal for a Multi-Hazard Tournament to help localities identify potential projects or policy changes to mitigate hazards and address other local concerns.
- Mr. Dave Cotnoir, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, briefed the Committee on the Navy's Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plan for Hampton Roads Installations.
- Mr. Ben McFarlane, HRPDC, briefed the Committee on updates to the HRPDC chapter for the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program's Working Waterfronts Plan.
- Mr. McFarlane briefed the Committee on the goals and recent activities of the Chesapeake Bay Program's Climate Resiliency Workgroup, including its deliberations on scenarios for sea level rise and resulting tidal wetlands losses for the 2017 mid-point assessment.
- Several Committee members and guests provided status reports.